

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

As a private citizen using a small, local Internet Service Provider, I respectfully request that you carefully consider the importance of a free marketplace in making your decision affecting the future of small ISPs. It is clear that competition keeps prices down and I and millions of others like me will be seriously affected by a decision that is non-supportive of independent operators. There is much to be said for using and supporting local businesses, in addition to the price issue. The people that operate the small companies are neighbors and friends who have a real interest in serving their customers well and treating them fairly. This is not an attitude I have observed in my dealings with the larger telephone and cable companies. For these reasons, then, I request that you consider the actual consumers, like myself, when you make your decision, and support the independent ISPs.

Sincerely,

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